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LETTER DATED 3 MAY 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement issued by the Government of Mali on 30 April 1999 concerning the situation in the Comoros (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement issued on 30 April 1999 by the Government of Mali on the situation in the Comoros

The Government of Mali expresses its deep concern following the military coup d'état which took place in the Comoros on 30 April 1999.

The Government of Mali strongly condemns the coup d'état and appeals for the restoration of legitimacy, constitutional order, democratic institutions and the rule of law.

The Government of Mali reiterates its support for the efforts being made by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to establish peace in the Comoros and stresses the need for the swift implementation of the Addis Ababa agreements and the Antananarivo process.

Reaffirming its commitment to the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros, in keeping with the relevant resolutions of OAU, the Government of Mali calls upon all the Comorian parties to pursue an inter-community dialogue and to work together for the return of peace and for national reconciliation in the context of a political solution to the crisis.